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SUBJECT: PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR SOUTH AFRICA ARMS
EMBARGO COMMITTEE

REFERENCE: USUN 1118

1. DURING MEETING WITH WESTERN FIVE, MISSION SHOULD EXPLORE
POSSIBILITY OF COMMON POSITION ON BISHARA GUIDELINES FOR
ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH TONE OF BISHARA GUIDELINES
IS CONFRONTATIONAL, USUN SHOULD DIRECT ITS MAJOR EFFORTS
TO CHANGES OF SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN TONE.

2. THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE ON FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A. COMMITTEE DECISION BY CONSENSUS: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH
TICKED PARAS OF GUIDELINES SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:
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-- THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE REACHED BY
CONSENSUS.

-- IF A CONSENSUS IS NOT REACHED ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE,
THE CHAIRMAN MAY UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIVE ACTIVITY TO ATTEMPT
TO PROMOTE CONSENSUS.

B. COMMITTEE TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION: NINTH TICKED PARA SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS;

-- THE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS MEETINGS IN PRIVATE SESSIONS. HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE MAY, BY CONSENSUS, DECIDE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS WHEN NECESSARY FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMITTEE.

C. OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION: TENTH TICKED PARA SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:

-- NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY BE INVITED TO PRESENT STATEMENTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AN AD HOC BASIS IF THAT IS NECESSARY AND USEFUL TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

D. PRESS CONFERENCES: FIFTH TICKED PARA SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:

-- THE CHAIRMAN MAY, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE COMMITTEE, HOLD PRESS CONFERENCES TO MAKE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE KNOWN TO THE PRESS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MISSION SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT BISHARA MEANS BY PHRASE THAT COMMITTEE IS NOT "AN UNDERGROUND CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSIDIARY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

3. REFERENCES TO NECESSITY FOR COOPERATION OF THE PERMANENT SC MEMBERS ARE UNNECESSARILY REPETITIVE, BUT MISSION SHOULD NOT MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO OBTAIN IMPROVED LANGUAGE AS LONG AS IT IS CLEAR THAT SUCH COOPERATION IS VOLUNTARY. ALTHOUGH WE FIND THE RHETORIC OBJECTIONABLE, WE CAN ACCEPT IT PROVIDED THE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN PARA 2 ARE APPROVED.

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